

NO SPORT IN IT.

How Northern Indians Secure Venison For Their Larders.

A New Yorker who lives a small fraction of the time in the city, being usually long distances away in pursuit of game, tells of the method pursued by the Indians of British Columbia in taking deer. They have evolved a system, this huntsman says, that shows practical skill and sympathy and knowledge of natural conditions. He says:

"The Indians, to begin with, do not hunt deer for the pleasure of hunting. They go for deer as a housekeeper goes to market for beef, and, what's more, in British Columbia, at any rate—they don't go often. Salmon is plentiful in the rivers and is easily caught, so why chase animals when they can secure fish? It is something as it is in Newfoundland, where I went a couple of seasons ago. There the prevailing fish, as you might say, is cod, and, though there is no end to the variety of edible fish that can be taken, the natives never think of eating anything else. Cod is plentiful, and they form the habit, I suppose. This is so ingrained that they call codfish 'fish' simply. The genus is divided into cod and the rest of fish.

"Well, when the British Columbia Indian makes up his mind for venison, he goes at it systematically and without sentiment. A group of half a dozen or ten men split and take either end of a valley. Then they proceed along the mountain slope from the two ends to the center. They choose the sheltered side of the valley on which the deer seek to escape the wind. Each party covers the mountain side, some near the foot and some at the top and others between the lines, keeping abreast by an imitated owl hoot. The deer, on 'wind-ing' pursuit, have the trick of leaping away down the slope, unlike the goats, which go up, and thus between the two approaching parties they are swept together at the middle of the valley. A good sized herd will thus be killed off and the Indians supplied for many weeks by two or three days' exertion."

Chloroform.

The first child born under the influence of chloroform was the daughter of a doctor friend of Professor Simpson, who is credited with the discovery of the drug, and she was christened Anesthesia to celebrate the circumstances of her birth, as the first child to be vaccinated in Russia was christened Vaccinoff. The beginning of the new era of chloroform was on a night in November, 1847, when three men sat around a supper table in an Edinburgh dining room with glasses charged with chloroform! They were Dr. Simpson himself, with Dr. Keith and Dr. Duncan, and as they sat talking all three began to inhale the fumes from the glasses. Suddenly the talking ceased, and three senseless men fell like dead bodies on the floor. For some minutes the room was as still as a grave, and then Dr. Simpson awoke. "This is good," he said as he found Dr. Duncan snoring under the table and Dr. Keith creeping on to his feet. Eleven days later the first public trial of chloroform was made at the Edinburgh infirmary.

Muffling in Spain.

Never in my life have I seen such wrapping and muffling as I have seen in Spain. The men here wear very heavy cloaks—heavier than any outer garment we have in America except fur coats. These cloaks are usually lined with colored plush; the insides of the front flaps are often lined with red or green or yellow plush, and often with two colors. Sometimes the men have pointed hoods to their cloaks, but even when the cloaks are not hooded the wearers wrap the capes around their throats and mouths and even around their heads. I have often seen a Spaniard going along wrapped in a cloak and with a muffler bound around his head, so that only one ear, one eye and one nostril were exposed.—J. A. Hart in Argonaut.

"Whuppity Scorie."

The ancient custom at Lanark, Scotland, of "Whuppity Scorie," the origin and meaning of which are lost, is celebrated annually and watched by a crowd of grown ups. The town bell is rung nightly at 6 o'clock from March to September and then lies dumb for six months. On the first night of the ringing all the young folk congregate at the cross, and after parading three times round the parish church the Lanark lads meet the New Lanark boys in a free fight, in which the only legitimate weapons are their caps tied at the end of pieces of string.

Too Much Lungs.

One of the greatest pugilists that America ever produced, John Dwyer of Brooklyn, quit his regular occupation to enter the counting room. He died within a year from tuberculosis. The explanation in this case was simple enough. The immense lungs which were necessarily an advantage in the prize ring fell into disuse in the counting room. Dissolve mental degeneration, and degeneration meant a lack of resistance, of which tubercle bacillus was not slow to take advantage.

A Sure Remedy.

"I am fixing up a surprise for John, but I am afraid that if he stays around the house he will discover me." "That's all right. You just tie a towel around your head and ask him if he can't stay at home today and help you take up the carpets."

So Frank.

She—Albert, I have come to the conclusion that I love George better than I love you, and— He—What about the engagement ring I gave you to wear? She—Oh, that's all right. George says he won't object if I wear it.

SOME MOWAT ANECDOTES.

Telling Sallies Made by Sir Oliver on Public Occasions.

The authorized biographer of Sir Oliver Mowat, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, K.C., when seen recently, kindly related, from the extensive manuscript and collected material at his hand, several incidents not widely known. "Sir Oliver," he said, "was able to write at five years old, and many Kingstonsians have told me of the picture, still fresh in their mind, of the little, curly-headed boy, sitting on the counter of his father's shop and reading with a Scottish accent and much dramatic expression the letters of the Rev. Wm. Dunlop, published under the pen name of 'Backwoodsman' in The Edinburgh Scotsman, recounting the early experiences of a Presbyterian in the backwoods of Canada.

"In 1836, at the age of sixteen, a Highland Scotch company was formed in Kingston, and Sir Oliver was one of its members, and, I think, one of its officers. His Highland uniform of that date is still preserved by the family, but it was soon discarded for the scarlet coat of a Lieutenant in the 1st Frontenac Battalion, formed in 1837, and in 1840, when the monument of Sir Isaac Brock and Lieut.-Col. Macdonnell was restored, Sir Oliver carried the colors in the battalion in which he had just received his commission.

"North Oxford is full of stories about Sir Oliver's readiness and wit. In spite of his blindness, he seldom failed to recognize a friend, and if he did so, could turn it off with a compliment which always went home. The strongest Conservatives in the riding have been among his warmest friends, and have always regarded him as one of their own party. Mr. Wm. Gray, now 92, and for many years Mayor of Woodstock, is among the Conservatives who always supported and esteemed Sir Oliver, and he has a number of good political stories which it would be a misfortune to lose.

"At the nomination meeting in 1872, when he was opposed by McKellar, also a Liberal, he made sallies on the members of the Sanfield Macdonald Cabinet, and one of his telling shots was that as they had one Reformer in the Cabinet of five, and they had had pretty good legislation, what would they expect if they multiplied that by four, and got five straight Grits? The arithmetical problem was so simple and effective that it brought a hearty response.

"On the occasion of the famous interview in April, 1893, between the Prohibitionists and Sir Oliver, when the latter promised prohibitory legislation to the extent of the ascertained powers of the Province, the Premier read a carefully prepared statement in reply to fervent speeches by Mrs. May Thornley, Rev. Dr. Mackay and others. At the conclusion Dr. Mackay rose and requested permission to ask a question. 'Yes,' replied Sir Oliver, 'ask me something out of the Shorter Catechism, for I know that by heart. The laughter which followed broke the strain of the occasion and disarmed the critics.'

FOUNDERS OF ONTARIO

Mr. C. C. James Tells an Interesting Story of Early Upper Canada.

Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, recently drew in a recent lecture he delivered in Toronto an interesting picture of the origin and methods of the founders of Ontario and the conditions under which they laid the foundations of the social and economic organization of to-day. In those days the women were married in homespun gowns, deerskin petticoats, and squirreleskinn bonnets. Prochers were scarce, and Magistrates performed the ceremony, and so inadequate were the records that it was deemed wise in 1793 by act of Parliament to legalize all marriages made previous thereto. Despite the plainness and severity of the life those old people looked back with regret to the time when there were no doctors, no lawyers and very few preachers, when people "said prayers at home and trusted in Providence." He also told of the great emigration to Canada from Great Britain, extending from 1815 to 1850, and to the interest in live stock of those British settlers he attributed in great part the present prosperity of Ontario.

Fine Fruits in the Yukon.

In an entertaining address before the Committee on Agriculture and Colonization at Ottawa recently, Professor John Macoun, naturalist of the Geological Survey, dealt with the agricultural possibilities of the Yukon. Ripe wheat, oats and barley, gathered near Dawson, had produced vigorous growth when germinated at the Experimental Farm. The professor had also found fine timber far up on the mountain side. Horses thrived and grew fat upon the native grass, which was three and four feet long. Samples of fine red currants were produced. Blueberries and raspberries also ripened, and flowers bloomed about the same time as the same species did in Ontario, owing to the influence of the mountain chain between Dawson and the coast, which precipitated the moisture and produced a perpetual summer chinook in the villages of the Yukon.

Strong, Safe Cars.

The wreck of the Intercolonial Railway near Windsor Junction demonstrated the life-saving qualities of steel-framed passenger cars. Four cars of the express train are said to have jumped over or ricocheted past the engine and turned over on the embankment 200 feet further on. Less strongly built cars would undoubtedly have telescoped as the result of such an impact, and the loss of life would have been great. As it was, not a passenger was injured. Telescopic passenger coaches should be legislated against. See passengers are protected against coffin ships, and land passengers should be protected against death trap cars.—Ottawa Citizen.

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A TRICK WITH CARDS.

One of the Curious Combinations That May Be Effected. Of the many curious things which may be done with a pack of fifty-two cards perhaps the most interesting is the "spelling out" of an entire suit. To do this take the thirteen cards of any suit, place them face up and arrange them in this manner: Nine, 6, 3, Jack, 10, 5, 7, 2, King, 8, 1, 4, Queen. When they are thus placed, they are face up, with the 9 on top and the queen on the bottom. Now turn them over so that they are face down with the queen on top. Take

to have little patience with the lengthy trials at which he occasionally presided. One day there was a suit brought before him in which two young lawyers but lately admitted to the bar were pitted against each other. The latter, mindful of the prestige which a victory for either side would mean, were examining the witnesses at great length and consuming, it is true, a great deal of unnecessary time. Finally the testimony of the last witness was concluded, and the one attorney began to argue his side of the case. Just as he was warming up the acquire finished the calculation he had been making on a small piece of paper and, getting up from the bench, said coolly: "Young men, you can go right on with your arguments. I'll be back pretty soon. The judgment is \$50."

Origin of "Budget." It is difficult to realize that the term "budget" now so often in every one's mouth, is a term less than 200 years old, the earliest mention of the word dating no further back than 1733. We borrowed it from the old French language—bougette, meaning a small bag, in which in former times it was the custom to put the estimates of receipts and expenditures when presented to parliament; hence the chancellor of the exchequer, in making his annual statement, was formerly said to open his budget. In time the term passed from the receptacle to the contents, and, curiously, this new signification was returned from this country to France, where it was first used in an official manner in the early part of the nineteenth century.—London Chronicle.

Seeds and Skins of Small Fruits. There are many people who cannot eat small fruits on account of the seeds and skins, because they prove so irritating to the stomach. In all such cases the fruit should be thoroughly ripe; then press it through a small wire sieve or strain through a thin cloth; then you get all there is of use—the liquid. Blue and other berries with tough skins may be cooked a little to strain the juice, then strain and get rid of seeds and skins. Never put waste into a delicate stomach when possible to avoid it. Cherry stones and grape seeds are a menace to health, and children should be taught how to neatly reject them.

Postprandial Esalience. "He's quite a star as an after dinner speaker, isn't he?" "Star? He's a regular moon. He becomes brighter the fuller he gets."—Philadelphia Press.

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